

FORM SM-44(00)LE (10-20-2000) CURRENT RETAIL SALES AND INVENTORY REPORT

DUE DATE:

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 Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available. • Explain any significant difference in sales from previous month in "Remarks" section. • **Include** sales from e-commerce if not submitted on a separate monthly retail report. *E-commerce sales* are sales of goods and services where an order is placed by the buyer or price and terms of the sale are negotiated over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online. Mil. Thou. Dol. a. Sales (1) Total Sales - Report total sales, including e-commerce. (2) E-Commerce Sales - Report e-commerce sales. (3) If e-commerce sales not available - Enter percent of total sales in item 4a(1) that represents e-commerce. Ending date (Month and day) b.Report period Calendar month Mark (X) one box to indicate the period covered by the sales entered in 4-week period item 4a(1). If other than "Calendar month" is marked, specify ending date. ☐ 5-week period c. Do the sales reported in item 4a(1) represent book figures or estimates? Book ☐ Estimate MERCHANDISE INVENTORIES (END OF MONTH) (See instructions on reverse.) Report the cost value of all merchandise for the end of month. For inventories at LIFO cost, report the LIFO amount plus the LIFO reserve. Mil. Thou. Dol. a. Merchandise in retail stores covered by this report. Exclude leased departments and concessions. **b.** Merchandise in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to your retail stores. c. TOTAL merchandise inventories - Sum of items 5a and 5b Year d. Are the data reported in items 5a through 5c for a date other than the end of the month specified? Month Dav \square No \nearrow ☐Yes – Enter the date the data represent ITEM 6 METHOD OF INVENTORY COST DETERMINATION (See instructions on reverse.) Mil. Thou. Dol. a. LIFO value of total merchandise inventories in item 5c (Exclude LIFO reserve.) **b.** LIFO Reserve – The LIFO reserve is the DIFFERENCE between a given physical stock valued on a non-LIFO basis, for example FIFO, and the same physical stock valued at LIFO (i.e., non-LIFO value minus LIFO value) c. Amount of total inventories subject to LIFO costing d. Amount of total inventories in item 5c not subject to LIFO costing Note – The sum of items 6a and 6b should equal item 6c. The sum of items 6c and 6d should equal item 5c. **ITEM 7 NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS** (See instructions on reverse.) Number Enter the total number of retail establishments, leased departments, and concessions covered by this report.

COVERAGE INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF E-COMMERCE SALES, AUXILIARY ESTABLISHMENTS, LEASED DEPARTMENTS AND CONCESSIONS

I. Coverage Instructions

This report covers all retail establishments, leased departments and concessions in the United States operated by the company identified in the label and its subsidiaries. Exclude any operating units which submit separate Current Retail Trade reports to the U.S. Census Bureau.

II. E-Commerce Sales are sales of goods and services where an order is placed by the buyer or price and terms of the sale are negotiated over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

- III. Auxiliary establishments are facilities primarily engaged in furnishing supporting services (such as warehouses, garages, and central administrative offices) to your retail establishments.
- IV. Leased Departments and Concessions are separate businesses that lease space on the premises of another

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ITEMS 4, 5, 6, AND 7

▶ Item 4 - Sales and Report Period

- Cash and credit sales of merchandise whether or not payment was received
- Leased departments and concessions operated in other establishments
- E-commerce sales if not submitted on a separate monthly retail report
- Wholesale sales made by retail establishments covered by this report
- Receipts from layaway purchases
- Receipts from the rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
- Receipts from deliveries
- Receipts from installations, maintenance, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Value of trade-ins taken as part payment for other merchandise
- Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) which are levied on the manufacturer or wholesaler and included in the cost of goods purchased by

EXCLUDE

- Sales taxes collected from customers and paid directly to a
- local, State, or Federal tax agency

 Leased departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail establishments
- Carrying or other finance charges
- Commissions from vending machine operators
- Nonoperating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Commissions from sales of government lottery tickets
- Sales from auxiliary establishments

- Refunds and allowances for returned goods
- The actual value of rebates and discounts granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowance

Automotive Dealers

- In e-commerce the sales of cars where a binding sales price is established online through the dealer's or a third party's web site
- Charges for dealer preparation, warranty charges, and delivery costs
- Combined sales for all new and used car locations and service facilities within the immediate vicinity of the new car showroom when such locations are considered integral parts of the "new car" business and separate books are not maintained for their operations

EXCLUDE receipts from customers for tag and title fees, licenses, etc., forwarded to State or local licensing

Item 5 – Merchandise Inventories (End of Month)

INCLUDE

- Merchandise if title has passed to you, including merchandise in transit in the United States
- Merchandise under contract for sale
- Merchandise owned by this firm but held by others for sale on consignment
- Merchandise in auxiliary establishments
- Merchandise of leased departments and concessions which you operate or own but are located in other establishments

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- Fixtures, equipment, and supplies not held for sale
- Merchandise owned by others such as those held on consignment
- Merchandise held outside the United States
- Merchandise of leased departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail establishments

▶ Item 6 - Method of Inventory Cost Determination

If your firm does not use the last-in, first-out (LIFO) and/or LIFO retail method of cost determination, go to item 7.

If your firm uses either LIFO method -

- but does not maintain monthly records on a LIFO basis, go to item 7
- and maintains monthly records on a LIFO basis, report the LIFO value of total inventories, the LIFO reserve, the total inventories subject to LIFO, and the total inventories not subject to LIFO

Item 7 – Number of Retail Establishments

- Total number of retail establishments, leased departments, and concessions covered by this report
- · Leased departments and concessions operated by this firm in other establishments

EXCLUDE

- Auxiliary establishments
- Leased departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail establishments

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